

Board Risk Committee (BRC) Activities Report

1 January 2023 – 30 June 2023

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None this period.

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I. Completed Activities

Item	Description of BRC Activity	BRC Completion Date	Accomplishments/Outcome
1. BRC Report to the Board	The report to the Board provided an update on BRC activities including a review of the top risks in the org Risk Register with a focus on new or changed risks since the last Report to the Board, as well as the results of the Risk Controls Assessment.	20 January 2023	Completion of semi-annual report to the Board per the Risk Management Framework.
2. Operational Design Assessment of Next Round of New gTLD Program Risks	The Committee received a briefing on preliminary risks associated with the next round of the New gTLD Program identified in the Operational Design Assessment (ODA).	21 February 2023	The Committee discussed mitigation strategies associated with the preliminary risks identified.
3. Review of BRC Charter	The BRC reviewed the BRC Charter to inform the members as well as solicit any proposed updates. There were no suggested updates.	22 February 2023	Committee agreed that no changes to the charter are needed.
4. Review of BRC Workplan	The Committee reviewed its workplan for calendar year 2023.	22 February 2023	N/A
5. BRC Chair Alternate	The Committee discussed what happens if the Chair is unavailable for a Committee meeting.	22 February 2023	Chair designated a Committee member colleague to fill in for the Chair in event that the Chair is unavailable.
6. Risk Controls Assessment	The Committee reviewed risk controls identified in the Risk Register to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing the residual risk.	22 February 2023	The Committee agreed that material controls in the Risk Register were deemed to be effective in reducing the residual risk.

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7. Root Server System Security	The Committee received a briefing on types of potential attacks on the Root Server System (RSS), the consequences of such potential attacks, and the measures to mitigate against such attacks.	30 May 2023	The members shared their views of the state of RSS security with the org's OCTO and E&IT teams.
8. Review of Updates to Risk Register	The BRC received and discussed an update from ICANN org on changes made to the top risks in the ICANN Risk Register since the last BRC meeting.	30 May 2023	The Committee reviewed the controls and mitigation in place for the updated risks.
9. Draft Documents BRC Report to the Board	The Committee reviewed and agreed on report to the Board that provides an update on BRC activities, including a review of the top risks in the org Risk Register with a focus on new or changed risks since the last Report to the Board.	30 May 2023	The BRC agreed on the presentation materials for the upcoming BRC Report to the Board.
10. BRC Report to the Board	The report to the Board provided an update on BRC activities including a review of the top risks in the org Risk Register with a focus on new or changed risks since the last Report to the Board.	21 June 2023	Completion of semi-annual report to the Board per the Risk Management Framework.

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II. In-Progress Activities

Item	Description of BRC Activity	BRC Completion Date	Accomplishments/Outcome
1. Risk Appetite Statement	The Committee considered proposed updates to the Risk Appetite Statement to reflect a change of risks in the Org Risk Register and the existence of some risk profile that exceed the risk appetite.	TBD	Org to further revise in light of Committee discussion and distribute to Committee for further consideration.

III: Appendix – Resolutions Recommended by the BRC

None in this period.